

## AMERICANS ARE GETTING READY FOR THE FRAY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
 FONTAINEBLEAU, France, Feb. 24.—Numerically in an almost vanishing minority, though standing out clearly and distinctly among their three thousand fellow-pupils by reason of their work, twenty-three young Americans are fast completing their courses in the French artillery school here.

All of them are graduates or have been students at American colleges or universities; all of them have seen service with such organizations as the American ambulance or the Red Cross. More than one of them wear the French cross to attest to what they have done in the war. Yet all of them have in a way renounced their own country and gone over to the service of France for the duration of the war because they have not quite been able to pass the strenuous American physical fitness tests, and yet are so anxious to do something for "the cause" that they could not remain idle.

With the exception of two or three, all have had to enlist in the famous Foreign Legion in order to get into the school at all, as a government regulation put a stop to the original case with which Americans could join the French artillery school.

The eagerness to serve which has induced the twenty-three Americans who range from 18 to 23 in age—to enter French service is reflected in the work they are doing, which according to the commander of the school is generally of a very high order in spite of the difficulties of absorbing instruction in the French language.

The youngsters were romping in from their morning work one day this week when an Associated Press correspondent found them. Eventually they picked out Whitney Warren, Jr., of New York, to set down the facts, which he did.

"There are approximately three thousand pupils at the school," he began. "The course lasts about three months and a half, and is not dissimilar in many ways to a college course at home, especially in that graduation is on the point system."

"The competition is keen as can be to get as high a number as possible, however, for at 'graduation' time those who stand highest have first choice of the regiments that need future officers."

"The course that leads to these points consists of theoretical classroom instruction—mathematics and all the other studies that an artillery officer must know—and practical instruction with the guns themselves, particularly with the 55s and the 155s. We Americans, most of whom did not know French before we came here to France since 1914, have to put in long extra hours on the language so as to be able to understand what goes on in classroom the better."

"The outdoor work with the guns is supplemented by a great amount of athletic work—games that bring all the muscles into play, horseback riding during which we have, without stirrups, to extend our arms horizontally and guide with our knees and legs, long country hikes, and so on."

"The French are splendid to us. The instructors on the one hand make every effort to see that we clearly understand everything that is said in the lectures. The French pupils on the other hand are all good fellows and we're all a great big family together."

"The young men live in a huge barracks in the neighborhood of the famous chateau. Each week-end they are given leave to Paris. Despite their signing up with the Legion of Honor, they are as keenly and patriotically American as anyone in the American army. They are disappointed that the American physical regulations are so unusually severe and feel confident that the time is coming when the United States will let down the bars a little. Their service for France has made them enthusiastically pro-French. The list of American students shows the widely scattered constituency of the American contingency of the school. Here it is, with only a few of the men missing:

Harold L. Scott, Granville, O.; William M. Barber, Toledo, O.; Coleman T. Clark, Westfield, N. J.; Whitney Warren, Jr., New York; Stanton Garfield, Washington, D. C.; Philip A. Rogers, Binghamton, N. Y.; Thomas F. McAllister, Grand Rapids, Mich.; William C. Towle, New York city; C. Law Watkins, Rye, N. Y.; John Clark, Cornelius, Wisnart, Townsend, Martin, Winthrop Cortelyou and Red-

mond Moreland, all from New York; Gerard Genew, Boston; William Moreland, Pittsburg; Edward Phillips, New Haven, Conn.; — Patterson, Ann Arbor, Mich., and — Cohen, New York city.

While the young men were signing their names to the list, an officer appeared at the mess and said something that evoked a whoop of delight. With hurried good byes and "send my regards to America" all ran outdoors to enjoy this first instruction in "barrage fire" and "barrage dispersment."

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## PREPARATION FOR SPRING DRIVE IS BEING MADE WITH SPADES IN FRANCE.



French farmer reclaiming his little acre.

The old man in the photo has just returned to his farm in France, recently reconquered. Already he is digging out the posts of entanglements preparatory to spring plowing.

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# Powers and Duties of the MAYOR of Phoenix

Section 4 of Chapter V of the City Charter reads as follows:

*"Section 4. The Mayor shall take command of the police and govern the city by proclamation during times of great danger."*

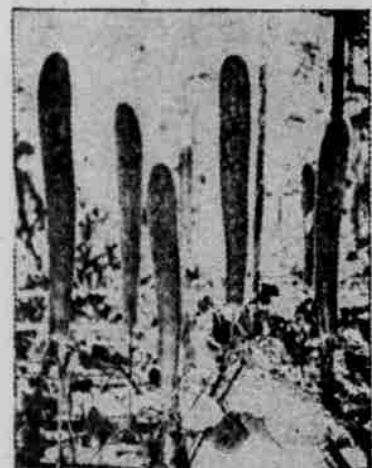
To which candidate for Mayor will the voters of Phoenix give the unrestricted power authorized by Section 4 of the City Charter?

Will you vote for Woods or will you vote for Corpstein?

Which candidate would you want to have in command of the police during times of great danger?

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## IMPROVE ROOSEVELT ROAD

W. R. Elliot, general superintendent of the Water Users' Association, has been requested by President H. J. McClung and Secretary Harry Welch, of the chamber of commerce, to make an investigation of the condition of the road to Roosevelt, and to submit his findings so that preparation may be made to start improvement.

Mr. Elliot will leave within the next few days for a trip over the road, when he will make a careful survey. He will then recommend to the chamber of commerce officials the improvements he deems necessary, or rather where the work can best be applied.

The chamber of commerce has a considerable fund which it expects to direct towards this work. Mr. Elliot points out that the government use of the road at present is practically nil, but that a maintenance crew works the year round endeavoring to keep the road in passable condition for the general public. For this reason he believes it proper that the available fund should be applied in this direction. His report will be furnished the chamber of commerce before Saturday of this week.

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